THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

Chairman National Intelligence Council

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NOTE TO: Fritz Ermarth

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Ty Cobb called this evening to alert us to the fact that you and I will be getting an invitation to attend a luncheon of five academic Soviet specialists with the President on Thursday. I alerted him to the DCI's concerns about this.

Since I will be out of town, you should talk to the Director to see if you should attend.

My own view (and would you please share this with Casey) is if the DCI is fairly confident that we are going to get a separate session and we can turn this down without being offensive, then we probably ought to get the separate session. If the DCI thinks we ought to do this, then you might sit in as an observer.

Robert M. Gates